

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Original) For use in a facility comprising a plurality of rooms, a locating and tracking system comprising a plurality of transceivers and a master station, and a plurality of beds in communication with the master station that is adapted to determine location of caregivers based upon identification signals received from the plurality of transceivers and to identify the caregiver assigned to care for a patient associated with a bed of the plurality of beds, a remote control, comprising

a transmitter that transmits to the master station via at least one of the plurality transceivers an identification signal that identifies a caregiver associated with the remote control;

a receiver that receives via at least one of the plurality of transceivers an alarm condition that the master station has routed to the caregiver from a bed in a different room than the caregiver in response to determining that the caregiver is assigned to care for the patient associated with the bed, and

an output device that presents the alarm condition to the caregiver.

26. (Original) The remote control of claim 25, wherein the alarm condition received by the receiver indicates that an undesirable state of the bed has been sensed, and

the output device informs the caregiver of the undesirable state of the bed.

27. (Original) The remote control of claim 25, wherein the alarm condition received by the receiver indicates that an undesirable state of the patient associated with the bed has been sensed, and the output device informs the caregiver of the undesirable state of the patient.

28. (Original) The remote control of claim 25, wherein the alarm condition received by the receiver indicates that an undesirable state of a treatment device used to treat the patient associated with the bed has been sensed, and the output device informs the caregiver of the undesirable state of the treatment device.

29-33. (Canceled)

34. (NEW) A system for remotely routing an alarm condition from a bed to a caregiver, comprising:

a monitoring device adapted to monitor a bed and generate an alarm condition upon sensing an undesirable event relating to the bed, a patient associated with the bed, or equipment coupled to the bed;

a remote control adapted to present the alarm condition to a caregiver assigned to the bed and associated with the remote control; and

a master station adapted to receive an alarm condition from the monitoring device and cause the alarm condition to be transmitted to the remote control associated with the caregiver assigned to the bed that corresponds to the monitoring device.

35. (NEW) The system of claim 34, further comprising a plurality of monitoring devices to monitor status of a plurality of beds and generate an alarm condition if an undesirable bed state is sensed.

36. (NEW) The system of claim 34, further comprising a plurality of monitoring devices to monitor status of patients associated with a plurality of beds and generate an alarm condition if an undesirable patient state is sensed.

37. (NEW) The system of claim 34, further comprising a plurality of monitoring devices to monitor status of treatment devices used to treat patients associated with a plurality of beds and generate an alarm condition if an undesirable treatment device state is sensed.

38. (NEW) The system of claim 34, further comprising a transmitter that is adapted to transmit an identification signal identifying a caregiver associated with the remote control to the master station.

39. (NEW) The system of claim 38, wherein the remote control includes a transmitter to transmit the identification signal to the master station via at least one of a plurality of transceivers.

40. (NEW) The system of claim 39, wherein the remote control includes a receiver adapted to receive an alarm condition that the master station has routed to the caregiver.

41. (NEW) The system of claim 40, wherein the receiver receives the alarm condition via at least one of the plurality of transceivers.

42. (NEW) The system of claim 41, wherein the master station is adapted to route the alarm condition to a caregiver located away from the bed, in response to determining that the caregiver is assigned to care for the patient that is associated with the bed that generated the alarm

condition.

43. (NEW) The system of claim 34, wherein the plurality of monitoring devices comprise at least one of a bed sensor, brake sensor, bed exit device, patient position device, ground fault device, drug administration device, folly bag device and incontinence device.

44. (NEW) A bed-caregiver communication system, comprising:

a communication network;

a bed;

a bed transceiver operably coupled to the bed to communicate a bed identification signal and to transmit an alert signal over the communication network; and

a caregiver badge associated with a caregiver, the caregiver badge including a transmitter to transmit a caregiver identification signal and to receive alert signals from beds for which the caregiver is assigned responsibility.

45. (NEW) The system of claim 44, further comprising a master station adapted to receive an alarm condition from a monitoring device coupled to the bed and cause the alarm condition to be transmitted to the badge associated with the caregiver for the patient that corresponds to the monitoring device.

46. (NEW) The system of claim 44, wherein the monitoring device monitors status of the bed and generates the alarm condition if an undesirable bed, patient, or treatment device state is sensed.

47. (NEW) The system of claim 44, wherein the caregiver badge is configured to display a visual indicator of the alert signal.

48. (NEW) The system of claim 44, wherein the caregiver badge is configured to permit voice communication between the caregiver and at least one of the patient associated with the bed and another caregiver.

49. (NEW) The system of claim 44, further comprising a transmitter that is adapted to transmit an identification signal identifying a caregiver associated with the remote control to the master station.

50. (NEW) The system of claim 44, wherein the caregiver badge transmitter transmits the caregiver identification signal to a master station via at least one of a plurality of transceivers.

51. (NEW) The system of claim 44, further comprising a master station which sends the alert signal to the caregiver badge.

52. (NEW) The system of claim 51, wherein the receiver of the caregiver badge receives the alert signal via at least one of the plurality of transceivers.

53. (NEW) The system of claim 51, wherein the master station is adapted to route the alert signal to the caregiver from a bed in a different room than the caregiver in response to determining that the caregiver is assigned to care for the patient that is associated with the bed that generated the alert signal.

54. (NEW) The system of claim 44, wherein the bed includes a badge including a transmitter to transmit the bed identification signal to a transceiver coupled to the communication network.

55. (NEW) The system of claim 44, wherein the communication network is a wireless network.

56. (NEW) The system of claim 44, further comprising a plurality of monitoring devices including at least one of a bed sensor, brake sensor, bed exit device, patient position device, ground fault device, drug administration device, folly bag device and incontinence device configured to transmit alarm conditions over the communication network.